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*Europe's first confirmed case of swine flu has been diagnosed in Spain. The country's health ministry confirmed the news on Monday morning, after tests on a man who had recently returned from a trip to Mexico. From Madrid, here's Steve Kingstone:*

The **patient** is a twenty-three year old man from the province of Albacete in south-eastern Spain. He arrived home from Mexico with **a fever** last Wednesday and was isolated in a hospital **ward** on Saturday night. Confirming the diagnosis of **swine flu**, Spain's health minister, Trinidad Jimenez, said the man was being treated **in accordance with** World Health Organisation procedures and that his condition was not serious.

A further twenty suspected cases are **under investigation** in Spain, in locations ranging from Madrid to Mallorca, Barcelona to the Basque Country. The patients concerned had all recently returned from Mexico. None of the cases is thought **to be life threatening**.

The minister said it was now an "**urgent priority**" for different regions of the country to share information. She stressed that Spain had **sufficient supplies** of **anti-viral** medicines.

Steve Kingstone, BBC News, Madrid

## Vocabulary and definitions

<b>patient</b>	someone who is suffering from an illness or disease and is being treated for it
<b>a fever</b>	unusually high body temperature caused by an infection
<b>ward</b>	one of the parts or rooms into which a hospital is divided
<b>swine flu</b>	a respiratory disease caused by influenza type A which normally infects pigs. Symptoms of swine flu in humans are similar to those produced by standard, seasonal flu (fever, cough, sore throat, body aches, chills and fatigue)
<b>in accordance with</b>	as instructed by
<b>under investigation</b>	being looked at/examined
<b>to be life threatening</b>	to be severe enough to cause death
<b>urgent priority</b>	something that is so important that it cannot be delayed
<b>sufficient supplies</b>	enough
<b>anti-viral</b>	that can fight harmful viruses

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